

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Improving event-based windowing in a network environment. After a client retrieves an electronic document, the client detects a reference in the document to computer-executable instructions not included in the document. The client then retrieves the computer-executable instructions as well as relevant predefined event-based content that is to be displayed in response to a predetermined event. If a predetermined event occurs, the processing of the computer-executable instructions results in a window having the predefined content to be displayed over the document. The window is not easily preempted by other processes. Also, the computer-executable instructions permit a wide variety of formatting of the text within the window, and is not limited to images.

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